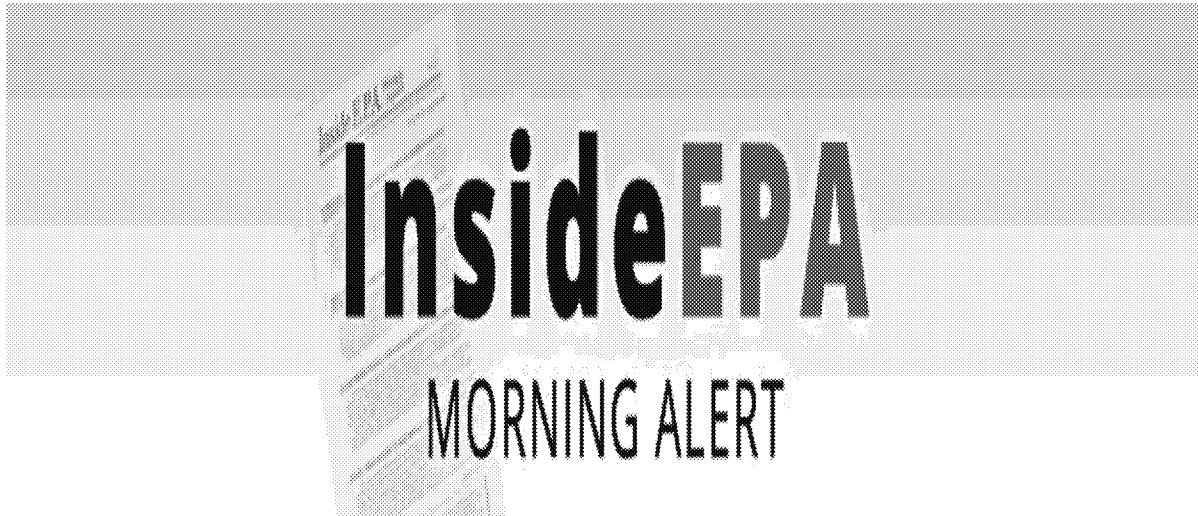


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### Latest News

#### **Trump Slated To Order EPA To Limit States' Review Power Under CWA 401**

Brushing aside concerns from governors and others, President Donald Trump is slated to issue an executive order April 10 that will order EPA to "review and update" its policies governing state reviews of federal projects under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), with a senior official indicating it will likely curtail states' current review powers.

#### **Wheeler Draws Democrats' Fire On Vehicle GHG Preemption, GHG Claims**

EPA chief Andrew Wheeler is drawing fire from House Democrats over the agency's proposed rollback of vehicle greenhouse gas standards, with lawmakers questioning his claims the plan would not significantly boost GHGs and charging that he has unlawfully prejudged a pending move to preempt California's vehicle program.

#### **DOJ Claims Wide EPA 'Discretion' Over Vehicle GHG Standards Finding**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is urging appellate judges to give EPA wide latitude regarding the reasons for its conclusion that it must weaken Obama-era vehicle greenhouse gas standards, even as it argues that state and environmentalist litigation over the finding is not ripe for court review.

#### **Judges Split On Environmentalists' Standing To Challenge Waste Rule**

Appellate judges appeared split during April 9 oral argument on whether environmentalists have standing to challenge an EPA exclusion that exempts third-party recyclers of hazardous secondary materials from strict waste rule requirements even as the panel appeared to question environmentalists' argument on the merits.

## Despite Agency Pledges, Utilities Press EPA For Timeline On LCR Proposal

Municipal drinking water utilities are pressing EPA water chief David Ross on the agency's timeline for proposing revisions to the lead and copper rule (LCR), which agency officials have said is expected this summer, suggesting a cautiousness after the agency has repeatedly missed previous internal deadlines.

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### Daily Feed

#### 10th Circuit dismisses appeal of BLM methane rule delay

California and environmentalists had challenged BLM's one-year suspension of Obama-era methane standards, though an appeals court found the case to be moot after the bureau finalized a rule rescinding most of those limits.

#### As key NSR trial begins, parties spar over remedy

Environmentalists and the Justice Department are urging a district judge to require new pollution controls and emissions offsets for a Missouri coal plant that violated the new source review program.

#### Biofuel advocates resist claims about RFS' GHG effects

USDA-backed studies are providing ammunition for biofuels groups to refute claims from environmentalists that the RFS causes harmful land-use changes and GHG increases.

#### IG issues alert on inaccuracy of POTW TRI data

The IG's "identification of these discrepancies led to the EPA's discovery that total release calculations provided by the publicly available database do not properly include the POTW release amounts," the alert says.

#### Ewire: Agencies slow to help White House climate panel

In today's Ewire: The National Security Council is hoping to start a group that would counter the scientific consensus around human-cause climate change.

#### Trump administration said to ramp up embrace of CCS

The move underscores Republicans' reliance on low-carbon "innovation" as an alternative to any policy that requires greenhouse gas cuts.

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